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## Newslines

### Zero DUI "goal"

Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, challenges all 20th Fighter Wing personnel to take care of our own.

When the 20th Fighter Wing reaches 60 days without a DUI the commander will grant a wing down day.

We have 33 days to go. Make it happen!

### CFC kickoff

The base-wide Combined Federal Campaign is set to run Sept. 13 through Oct. 22.

The base's fund raising goal for this year's campaign is \$125,000. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal work place on behalf of charitable organizations. Contributions may be made by cash, check or payroll deduction.

### Education news

A representative from the American Military University will be available at the Education Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday to discuss educational opportunities. In addition, a representative from Herzing College will be available at the Education Center Sept. 17.

For more information, call Mr. Samuel Dairyko at 895-4716.

### Retiree appreciation

A Retiree Appreciation Day is set for Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center.

### POW/MIA recognition

A ceremony honoring prisoners of war and those still missing in action is set for 11 a.m. Sept. 17 at the flagpole outside the 9th Air Force Headquarters Building.

For more information, call 895-2004.

# Tornado touches down at Shaw

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning  
Staff writer

A tornado touched down at approximately 10:20 a.m. Tuesday near Bldg. 1500 on base, according to 1st Lt. Nicholas Healy, 20th Operations Support Squadron weather officer.

The twister made its way through the golf course and into base housing, knocking out power lines and tossing debris in its path. Col. Scott Mason, 20th Mission Support Group commander, said no one was injured, but six homes were damaged and approximately 700 others lost power. In addition, 70-100 trees on base were damaged.

According to the colonel, the 28th Operational Weather Squadron estimated winds within the tornado to be at approximately 90 knots, or 103 miles per hour.

"This tornado would be considered small on the measuring scale," said Lt. Healy.

Staff Sgt. Jerry Tucker, a base housing resident from the 79th Fighter



Photo by 1st Lt. Gary Arasin

**20th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Maintenance personnel clean up debris after the tornado came through Persimmon Street on base.**

Squadron, lost a large portion of his fence, some portable sheds and his roof was damaged when several trees, including a large one that collapsed on part of the roof, were uprooted.

"The wind picked up just before

alarms sounded on base and a tornado warning announcement came over the giant voice system," Sgt. Tucker said. "Right after the siren went off, I saw the tree coming down toward the roof."

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# Shaw praised for 'job very well done' after UCI

By Col. Philip Ruhlman  
20th Fighter Wing commander

To the Men and Women of the 20th Fighter Wing:

I am exceptionally proud of your outstanding performance during the Air Combat Command Inspector General's Unit Compliance Inspection of the 20th Fighter Wing! Every one of you demonstrated, beyond any shadow of a doubt, not only are you a premier combat wing, but your day-to-day operations comply well within the standards set forth in official guidance and directives. This means you do your jobs in a superb manner, day in and day out, whether it be high-tempo combat operations or routine, yet critical, tasks.

The inspection report has been published and it glows with an overall 96% Complies or Complies with Comments rating. Each group absolutely shined. Moreover, we had 154 superior performers and 23 superior performance teams. Each one of these professionals proved they were

head and shoulders above the rest. The wing scored eight "Best Practices," which awed the ACC inspectors. An average ACC wing typically maxes out at three.

All special interest items and all commander-certified programs complied.

Finally, five members of the 20th FW were awarded Inspector General silver coins by the IG Team Chief, Col. Tom Ardern, on behalf of Brig. Gen. Stephen Miller, ACC IG. As the team conducted its outbrief, the 20th FW was praised for its strong teamwork, spirit of pride and professionalism.

We proved we could do it. We made our mark and took home the gold. I am so very proud of you all and what you have accomplished. I extend my thanks to you for an outstanding job, and I also want to thank your families for their patience and sacrifice as you put in many hours preparing for this inspection. Well done and great job!

**For a list of Shaw's UCI superior performers, coin recipients and best practices, see Pages 10-11.**



### Page 9:

Air Force officer by day, actress by night.

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Learn to network and meet new friends.





# SUMTER-SHAW STREET FEST

*A salute to the men & women of  
Shaw Air Force Base*

Friday, September 17

6-10 p.m.

Main Street, Sumter



*Starring*  
**The Holiday Band**



*With special guests*  
**The Caribbean Cowboys**



**Join us for an evening of free music,  
food, fun and children's amusements**

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# Snow in summer?



Photos by Airman 1st Class Susan Penning

Above, a high-expansion foam system is tested in Hangar 1614 Sept. 1. The firefighting mechanism is designed to smother blazes with a biodegradable, non-toxic foam. Shaw officials plan to install the system in all hangars on base. Left, Anthony, son of Carolyn and Master Sgt. Mark Bizzaco, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, throws a foam snowball.

## COPE Thunder tests readiness

More than 200 Airman from Shaw returned home recently after participating in an air combat training exercise at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. During the exercise, called Cope Thunder, F-16 Fighting Falcons with the 77th Fighter Squadron flew missions as friendly forces, with the objective of destroying enemy forces.

The 77th FS trained in suppression and destruction of enemy air defenses, as well as close-air support missions during the exercise, according to Lt. Col. Dave Stilwell, 77th FS commander. Cope Thunder allowed Shaw's 35 participating pilots to fly sorties dropping inert munitions on the Yukon ranges, providing training that simulated real-world operations. The Airmen also planned missions and loaded simulated live munitions onto F-16s.

"The realistic training we do here at Poinsett range proved vital in this exercise, and our continued readiness tempo is crucial to effectiveness in a combat scenario," said Maj. Rob Buzzell, a pilot with the 77th FS who participated in the exercise.

More than 1300 service members participated in Cope Thunder, including active-duty Airmen, Air Force reservists, Air National Guardsman and U.S. Navy components. (Information courtesy of the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office.)

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"I heard noise and it almost sounded like an aircraft overhead," said 2nd Lt. Kevin Koren, a base housing resident from the 77th Fighter Squadron.

Shaw emergency personnel sprung into action as soon as the warning was announced, and clean-up teams assembled immediately.

"Emergency personnel responded right away and the rest of the base supported them in their efforts. We always train for these types of situations, and Team Shaw proved its worth once again," said Col. Mason. "Community first responders also called to see if we needed help and a local power company assisted the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron in getting power lines repaired," he added.

"We are so appreciative to every-



Photo by 1st Lt. Gary Arasin

Damaged trees, vehicles and power lines were included in the destruction the tornado left behind on base.

one who helped clean up the debris and to those who restored power so quickly. We were prepared to go to billeting/motels for the evening, but Shaw's fantastic teams had the roads clear and the largest debris gone before nightfall," said Maj. Michael

Saylor, a base housing member from 9th Air Force/U.S. Central Command Air Forces.

"20th CES personnel knew exactly what to do and performed with excellence," said Lt. Col. Mark Bednar, 20th CES commander.



**Ticket prices are:**

***E-4 and below***

***\$10 members, \$12 nonmembers***

***E-5 and above, officers and civilians***

***\$25 members, \$27 nonmembers***

**Childcare is available!**

The Youth Center and Child Development Center will be offering evening childcare Sept. 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

**S Question:** How many "best practices" did Shaw have after the UCI? **T**

**P Answer to last week's question:** The 20th Component Maintenance Squadron's avionics flight has been working on the ultra-high-frequency radio receiver transmitter since the early 1980s. **r**

**i Last week's winner:** Tech. Sgt. Noah Robinson, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 2 **i**

**r The first person to e-mail the correct answer to *The Shaw Spirit* at [spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil](mailto:spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil) will receive a free smoothie from the Fitness Center. **i****

## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident:** 25 days

**Last unit:** 20th AMXS

**2004 total:** 31

**2003 total:** 28

(As of Wednesday)

# Shaw members offer voting help

The following Shaw members are available for any voting questions. Members are encouraged to fill out a request for an absentee ballot by Wednesday.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>20th Fighter Wing</u>	
Maj. Jim Long	895-9288
2nd Lt. Danielle Nolte	895-1852
Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Laney	895-1229
<u>Wing Staff</u>	
1st Lt. Fotini Russo	895-1996
<u>20th Comptroller Squadron</u>	
2nd Lts. Preston Pulley	895-1538
Robert Schwartz	895-1548
<u>20th Operations Support Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Nicholas Healy	895-2363
Tech. Sgt. Wendi Drusch	895-2628
<u>55th Fighter Squadron</u>	
Capt. Ted Shultz	895-9847
Master Sgts. Curtis Helms	895-9182
Brian Baldwin	895-9197
John McBrayer	895-1110
<u>77th FS</u>	
Master Sgts. Jacqueline Greene	895-1335
Lawrence Phillips	895-2467
Steven Wilson	895-2476
Brad Haynie	895-2473
<u>79th FS</u>	
Capt. Brian Bragg	895-1375
<u>79th FS</u>	
Master Sgts. Robert Clark	895-2571
Edwin Pearthree	895-2572
Chris Thompson	895-2549
Mark Skonieczny	895-2551
<u>20th Medical Operations Squadron</u>	

Maj. Margaret Carey	895-6125
<u>20th Medical Support Squadron</u>	
Capt. Antonio Love	895-6728
Tech. Sgt. Rachel Colbus	895-6515
<u>20th Aero-medical Dental Squadron</u>	
Senior Master Sgt. Chris Bridges	895-6791
<u>20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Kyle Dishman	895-5274
<u>20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Mark Little	895-2763
Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Chapman	895-2330
Master Sgts. Charles Albert	895-9244
Matthew Miller	895-1848
Leonard Shields	895-0132
Randy Ladson	895-0138
Glen Wathen	895-2445
<u>20th Maintenance Operations Squadron</u>	
Master Sgt. Walter Kisamore	895-1189
Tech. Sgt. Charles Bean	895-2062
<u>20th Component Maintenance Squadron</u>	
Senior Master Sgt. Martin McKinnon	895-2232
Master Sgts. Mark Prario	895-2882
Larry Tate	895-1856
Martin Keenan	895-1147
Kevin Bacvinskas	895-1198
<u>20th Mission Support Squadron</u>	
Master Sgt. Gary Devault	895-5304
<u>20th Civil Engineer Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Peter Cusack	895-9601
Master Sgts. Rodney Manwarren	895-9686
Tracy Franklin	895-5314
<u>20th Communications Squadron</u>	
Master Sgts. Craig Morrison	895-9855
Anthony Sulton	895-1133
<u>20th Security Forces Squadron</u>	

1st Lt. Sarah Bragg	895-3628
Master Sgts. Rick Cornett	895-3629
Eric Kaziska	895-0286
<u>20th Services Squadron</u>	
Master Sgt. Ernest Fasdolt	895-2789
<u>20th Contracting Squadron</u>	
2nd Lt. David Mitchell	895-6510
<u>20th Logistics Readiness Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Chris Rosales	895-5019
Master Sgts. Robert Floyd	895-5264
Jonny Leonard	895-9414
Jennifer Pring	895-4784
<u>9th Air Force/U.S. Central Command</u>	
<u>Air Forces</u>	
<u>Headquarters</u>	
Maj. Mike Sampson	895-3753
<u>609th AIG/609 AIS</u>	
1st Lt. Mark Caldwell	895-4119
Master Sgt. Chad Scott	895-4118
<u>609th Combat Plans/Operations Squadrons</u>	
Master Sgt. Robert Macari	895-3410
Mr. Michael Bean	895-3141
<u>609th Air Support Squadron</u>	
Capt. Charlotta Blalock	895-4384
Senior Master Sgt. George Stickle	895-4451
<u>609th Air Communications Squadron</u>	
Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Michaelson	895-1492
<u>337th Recruiting Squadron</u>	
Capt. Jennifer Bacon	895-1646
<u>28th Operational Weather Squadron</u>	
1st Lt. Shawn Beskar	895-0901
<u>682nd Air Support Operations Squadron</u>	
Staff Sgt. Eric Dearing	895-0612
<u>372nd Training Squadron</u>	
Master Sgt. James Antill	895-6038

## Sanders retirement

Master Sgt. Mark Sanders, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Superintendent, is retiring after more than 23 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw seven years.

The Caruthersville, Md., native and his wife, Tami, have two children, Tyler and Taylor. After retirement, Sgt. Sanders plans to remain in Sumter, continue working, fishing and restoring antique cars.

“Team PA will truly miss this senior NCO’s leadership, guidance and sense of humor. Master Sgt. Sanders embodies the Air Force core values. He will always be a valued family member in PA,” said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th FW commander.

The retirement ceremony is set for today at 1 p.m. in the 20th FW conference room.